GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA

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IMPORT OF MILK
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are importing milk powder despite India being the largest milk producing country in the world;

(b) if so, the reasons thereof; and

(c) the steps taken to boost domestic production of milk powder and safeguards the interests of the milk producers?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (DR.DEBENDRA PRADHAN)

(a) & (b): No, Sir. Government of India is not importing any milk powder. Import of skimmed milk powder is in the list of freely importable items without any license

(c) : Apart from milk powder manufacturing capacity in the private sector, the dairy Cooperatives have established a milk powder production capacity of 1075 MT tonnes per day.

To protect the interests of Indian dairy farmers the import duty on skimmed milk powder and whole milk powder has been enhanced from 0 to 60% with a tariff rate quota of 10,000 MT tonnes, per annum with 15% duty